

COLONEL MARTIN F. KLEIN Deputy Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Col. Martin F. Klein serves as the Deputy Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. As Deputy Commander, he provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Defense Department's only tri-service joint base.

Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1991 through the Reserve Officers Training Course, Colonel Klein was then assigned as an Infantry Platoon Leader and later as a T.O.W Platoon leader, 1-87th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. Upon transitioning to the Logistics Corps, he was assigned as a Supply Platoon Leader and later as the Battalion S-4 of the 10th Forward Support Battalion. During this timeframe, Colonel Klein participated in Operation Hurricane Andrew Relief and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

Upon completion of the Combined Officer Logistics Advanced Course, Colonel Klein was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division where he served as a Division G-3 Plans Officer, the Division Materiel Officer, and the Battalion S-3 for the 407th Forward Support Battalion. In 1999, Klein assumed command of HQ/A Company, 407th Forward Support Battalion. After Command, Klein was selected as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General for 1st COSCOM (ABN) until his selection as an Intern to the Joint Staff Logistics Directorate, Pentagon. While there, Colonel Klein served as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Logistics; upon completion, he was assigned to the Army G-4 as a Logistics Transformation Staff Officer.

Colonel Klein left active duty in 2003 and was employed as a brand manager for Kraft Foods in Chicago, Ill. As a traditional Reservist, he was assigned as an Observer Controller and G-3 Plans Officer in the 1st Brigade, 85th Division at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Colonel Klein was later selected to serve in the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) program with an assignment to Georgetown University ROTC, where he served as the Battalion Recruiting Operations Officer and the Battalion Executive Officer.

Following this assignment, the colonel transitioned to the Operations Research Systems Analysis (ORSA) career field, where he served as a Senior Training Analyst in the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve (OCAR) and a Reserve Component Manning Program Analyst with the Army G-1. While assigned to the Army G-1, he deployed to Iraq serving as the Chief of Operational Assessments, J-5 (Strategy) United States Forces-Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Upon redeployment, Colonel Klein was assigned as Branch Chief in OCAR Plans, Analysis, and Evaluation (PAE) Directorate, and later as the Reserve Component Analyst, Army G-8.

Colonel Klein is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Combined Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration from Lenoir-Rhyne University, N.C., a Master's of Business Administration from Webster University, Mo., and a Master's of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Colonel Klein's awards and decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6), Joint Commendation Medal, Joint Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (4), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2), Humanitarian Service Medal (2), Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Rigger Badge, and the Joint and Army Staff Identification Badges. His foreign awards include the Venezuelan Basic Parachutist Badge and Thai Parachutist Badge.